

### IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please insert the following text as a separate paragraph before line 1 on page 1.

This application is a Continuation application of U.S. Serial No. 10/304,969, filed on November 27, 2002, now allowed.

Page 3, beginning at line 14, please replace the paragraph as follows:

Further, a method is also proposed to produce a slab ~~form~~ foam by using a polyol having a hydroxyl value of from 10 to 80 mgKOH/g produced by means of a double metal cyanide complex catalyst (U.S. Patents 6,028,230 and 6,066,683). However, Examples in these references disclose only cases wherein flexible foams are produced by a polyol having a molecular weight of 5,000, and no Examples are given in which higher molecular weight polyols are used.

Page 5, beginning at line 19, to page 6, line 11, please replace the paragraph as follows:

The present invention provides a method for producing a flexible polyurethane foam in an open state, which comprises reacting a polyol with a polyisocyanate compound in the presence of a catalyst, a blowing agent and a foam stabilizer, wherein as the polyol, a polyol having a hydroxyl value of at most 15 mgKOH/g is used. Namely, the present invention is characterized in that a flexible polyurethane foam (hereinafter referred to simply as a flexible foam) is produced by using, as a raw material, a polyol having a high molecular weight and a low hydroxyl value, which used to be considered hardly useful for the production of a foam. The flexible foam produced by using, as the raw material, a polyol having a high molecular weight and a low hydroxyl value, is preferred since the mechanical properties are good. Further, such a flexible foam is preferred, since the temperature sensitivity is low at a low

temperature, and the characteristic of the foam under a normal temperature condition can be maintained even under a low temperature condition.

Page 11, beginning at line 6, please replace the paragraph as follows:

The flexible foam of the present invention is produced by reacting the above-described polyol with a polyisocyanate compound in the presence of a catalyst for ~~urethane-foaming~~ urethane-forming reaction, a blowing agent and a foam stabilizer.

Page 18, beginning at line 19, please replace the paragraph as follows:

In the presence of ~~3,000~~ 3,000 g of initiator 1, using the DMC-glyme complex catalyst, 21,700 g of propylene oxide was reacted at about 120 C, and then, using the KOH catalyst, 1,300 g of ethylene oxide was reacted at about 120 C to complete the polymerization. After the reaction, treatment with an adsorbent (synthetic magnesium silicate) and filtration were carried out to obtain polyoxyalkylene polyol A having a hydroxyl value of 9.14 mgKOH/g and an unsaturation value of 0.038 meq/g.

Page 19, beginning at line 2, please replace the paragraph as follows:

In the presence of ~~1,000~~ 1,000 g of initiator 2, using the KOH catalyst, 4,250 g of propylene oxide was reacted at about 110 C, and then, 800 g of ethylene oxide was reacted at about 120 C to complete the polymerization. After the reaction, treatment with an adsorbent (synthetic magnesium silicate) and filtration were carried out to obtain polyoxyalkylene polyol C having a hydroxyl value of 34.0 mgKOH/g and an unsaturation value of 0.056 meq/g.

Page 19, beginning at line 12, please replace the paragraph as follows:

In the presence of ~~1,000~~ 1,000 g of initiator 2, using the KOH catalyst, 2,200 g of a mixture of ethylene oxide and propylene oxide containing 10 mass% of ethylene oxide, was reacted at about 110 C to complete the production. After the reaction, treatment with an adsorbent (synthetic magnesium silicate) and filtration were carried out to obtain polyol D having a hydroxyl value of 56.1 mgKOH/g and an unsaturation value of 0.045 meq/g.